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SUDDECT: RICE SITUATION

1. THE FOLLOWING IS THE RICE SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION SITUATION IN
PHNOM PENH FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 10 THROUGH DECEMBER 16, 1973:

	DEC 10	DEC 11	DEC 12	DEC 13
BEGINNING STOCK	7,794.3	7,794.3	5,786.8	9,757.2
ROUTE 5 HX KHMER	--	--	--	--\$
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MEKONG US -- 4,881.0 ---

TOTAL AVAILABLE	7,794.3	10,667.8	9,757.2
LESS DISTRIBUTION	1,229.0	896.0	619.9
BALANCE	6,565.3	9,771.8	9,140.3
ADJUSTMENT	778.5	14.6	---
BALANCE	5,786.8	9,757.2	9,140.3

	DEC 14	DEC 15	DEC 16
BEGINNING STOCK	9,140.3	8,402.2	7,625.0
ROUTE 5			
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ROUTE 4	---	---	---
MEKONG	---	---	---
TOTAL AVAILABLE	9,140.3	8,402.2	7,625.0
LESS DEISTRIBUTION	646.8	773.5	---
BALANCE E	8,493.5	7,628.7	7,625.0
ADJUSTMENT	91.6	3.7	---
BALANCE	8,402.2	7,625.0	7,625.0

2. STOCK POSITION. AS OF COB DECEMBER 16, PHNOM PENH HAD A TOTAL OF 7,625 M/T OF RICE. DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD, TWO GFASSELS AND ONE BARGE ARRIVED WITH 4,881 M/T OF KOREAN AND VN RICE. THE RICE STOCK POSITION IN KOMPONG SOM IS REPORTED AT 7,552 M/T BY SONEXIM, GIVING A TOTAL IN-COUNTRY AVAILABILITY ON DECEMBER 16 OF 15,177 M/T.

3. BALANCE OF DECEMBER ARRIVALS. THE NEXT REGULAR MEKONG CONVOY IS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE PHNOM PENH DECEMBER 19, WITH ONLY 5,300 M/T OF RICE BECAUSE OF UNFORESEEN PROBLEMS IN SAIGON: CREW STRIKE, VESSEL RUNNING AGROUND, LACK OF BUNKER. EXTRAORDINARY EFFORTS ARE UNDER WAY TO SET UP A SPECIAL RICE CONVOY TO ARRIVE PHNOM PENH DECEMBER 23 WITH APPROXIMATELY 10,000 M/T, REPRESENTING THE FINAL BALANCES OF THE ROK AND GVN LOANS. ASSUMING THE S/S IEILIPPINE BEAR ARRIVES SAIGON ON SCHEDULE DECEMBER 21 WITH 10,000 M/T OF US RICE, USAID/SAIGON WILL ENDEAVOR TO AFFECT IMMEDIATE TRANSSHIPMENT INTO COASTERS/BARGES THAT WILL ATTEMPT TO JOIN THE NEXT REGULAR MEKONG CONVOY SCHEDULED PHNOM PENH DECEMBER 27. BY WAY OF SUMMARY, OUR PROJECTION OF ARRIVALS FOR THE BAWNCE OF THE MONTH IS AS FOLLOWS:

VESSEL/BARGE	M/T	SOURCE	DISCHARGE	ETA
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	PORT			
WING PENG	1,800	VN	PHNOM PENH	12/23
MONTE CRISTO	1,800	VN	PHNOM PENH	12/23
EVER GLORY	1,600	VN	PHNOM PENH	12/23
PORTSUN	1,800	VN	PHNOM PENH	12/23
LUZON 1961	1,600	KOREA	PHNOM PENH	12/23
LUZON 1962	1,700	KOREA	PHNOM PENH	12/23
DIA DUONG	2,300	US	PHNOM PENH	12/27

LUZON 1960	1,700	US	PHNOM PENH	12/27
LUZON 1964	1,700	US	PHNOM PENH	12/27
BATTLBC-1	1,000	US	PHNOM PENH	12/27
BATTY C-2	1,000	US	PHNOM PENH	12/27
TCS-66	1,500	US	PHNOM PENH	12/27
KYOON AN MARU	4,800	JAPAN	KOMPONG SOM	12/25

4. JANUARY ARRIVALS PROJECTION OUR PROJECTION TAKES INTO ACCOUNT AID/W'S CURRENT PROPOSAL FOR TWO SHIPMENTS OF US RICE DESTINED TO CAMBODIA TO BE DIVERTED TO VIETNAM AS PARTIAL REPAYMENT OF THE 50,000 M/T LOANED TO GKR BX GVN SINCE LAST JULY. THESE TWO SHIPMENTS CONSIST OF 11,600 M/T ABOARD THE S/S AMERICAN CONDOR, AND 11,110 M/T ON BOARD PRESIDENT HAYES. ETAS SAIGON FOR THESE TWO VESSELS ARE JANUARY 5 AND 8, RESPECTIVELY.

VESSEL	M/T	SOURCE	DISCHARGE	ETA
PORT				
A) DIRECT KOMPONG SEOM				
GULF MERCHANT	5,000	US	KOMPONG SOM	1/2/74
CHRISTOPHER LYKES	5,000	US	KOMPONG SOM	1/3/74
LESLIE LYKES SD	5,500	US	KOMPONG SOM	1/5/74
NANCY LYKES	9,500	US	KOMPONG SOM	1/8/74
FREDERICK LYKES	3,750	US	KOMPONG SOM	1/18/74

TOTAL KOMPONG SOM 22,750

B) SAIGON TRANSSHIPMENTS

PRESIDENT ADAMS	10,500	US	PHNOM PENH	1/4
AG 1/12				
PRESIDENT ARTHUR	11,110	US	PHNOM PENH	1/20

TOTAL PHNOM PENH 21,610

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GRAND TOTAL JANUARY 44,360

IN LIGHT OF THE ABOVE ETAS AND/OR TONNAGE DESTINED TO KOMPONG SOM WHILE ROUTE 4 REMAINS INTERDICTED BY THE ENEMY, WE BELIEVE AID/W SHOULD RECONSIDER ITS DIVERSION PROPOSAL. WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND INSTEAD THAT THE AMERICAN CONDOR AND TWO LYKES VESSELS, CHRISTOPHER AND LESLIE, BE DIVERTED TO SAIGON FOR PARTIAL REPAYMENT OF GVN LOAN AND THAT THE 11,110 M/T ON S/S PRESIDENT HAYES BE TRANSSHIPPED IN SAIGON FOR PHNOM PENH. OUR COUNTER PROPOSAL WOULD PRODUCE A MORE BALANCED SCHEDULE AS FOLLOWS:

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VESSEL	M/T	SOURCE	DISCHARGE	ETA
PORT				

A) TO KOMPONG SOM

GULF MERCHANT	5,000	US	KOMPONG SOM	1/2/74
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NANCY LYKES	3,500	US	KOMPONG SOM	1/8/74
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FREDERICK LYKES	3,750	US	KOMPONG SOM	1/18/74
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TOTAL	12,250			
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B) PHNOM PENH VIA SAIGON

PRESIDENT ADAMS	10,500	US	PHNOM PENH	1/4 & 1/12
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PRESIDENT HAYES	11,110	US	PHNOM PENH	1/12 & 1/20
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PRESIDENT ARTHUR	11,110	US	PHNOM PENH	1/20 & 1/28
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TOTAL 32,720

UNDER THIS REVISED SCHEDULE, A TOTAL OF APPROXIMATELY 24,000 M/T WOULD BE STORED IN KOMPONG SOM BY JANUARY 31. GIVEN THE CONTINUED ENEMY PRESSURE ON ROUTE 4, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD NOT BE PRUDENT TO INCREASE THE KOMPONG SOM STOCK OF RICE ABOVE 24,000 M/T.

5. DISTRIBUTION. THE STOCK ON HAND AS OF DECEMBER 16 CORRESPONDED TO 11.7 DAYS' SUPPLY, BASED ON A DAILY DISTRIBUTION RATE TO 650 M/T. THE UPSURGE IN DEMAND DURING THE PREVIOUS REPORTING PERIOD, WHICH PROMPTED US TO INCREASE THE PROJECTED DAILY CONSUMPTION TO 700 M/T, WAS NOT REFLECTING A NEW TREND BUT RATHER WAS CAUSED BY THE FACT THAT MANY INSTITUTIONAL GROUPS DRAW A FULL MONTH QUOTA IN THE FIRST WEEK OF EACH MONTH. DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD, THE DAILY DISTRIBUTION HAS AVERAGED 594.6 M/T. IN THE 10-DAY PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 16, THE DAILY AVERAGE WAS 699.7 M/T, BUT THE AVERAGE FROM DECEMBER 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 15 WAS ONLY 595 M/T. ALL REPORTS REACHING THE GKR'S NATIONAL RICE COMMITTEE INDICATE THAT QUANTITIES OF RICE CURRENTLY DISTRIBUTED TO THE CIVILIAN SECTOR ARE FULLY ADEQUATE.

6. DECEMBER 31 TARGET. IF THE PROJECTED ARRIVAL SCHEDULE FOR THE BALANCE OF THIS MONTH CAN BE MET, WE BELIEVE THAT, GIVEN THE CURRENT CONSUMPTION RATE IN PHNOM PENH AND THE MARITIME PROVINCES, THE TOTAL IN-COUNTRY AVAILABILITY ON DECEMBER 31 WILL BE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF 34,000 M/T WHICH WOULD GIVE A ONE-MONTH SUPPLY FOR THE MARITIME PROVINCES AND 49 DAYS' SUPPLY FOR PHNOM PENH AND SURROUNDING AREAS. MUCH DEPENDS ON WHETHER OR NOT EXTRAORDINARY EFFORTS CAN SUCCEED IN SETTING UP ONE ADDITIONAL CONVOY AND THE TIMELY ARRIVAL OF S/S PHILIPPINE BEAR IN SAIGON. IF THERE IS NO SPECIAL CONVOY ARRIVING O/A DECEMBER 23, PHNOM PENH STOCKS WILL DECREASE RAPIDLY TO REACH A LOW OF APPROXIMATELY 5,800 M/T OR EIGHT DAYS' SUPPLY ON DECEMBER 27. THEN THE NEXT REGULAR CONVOY SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE O/A THIS DATE WOULD BRING ALL AT ONCE A TOTAL OF ALMOST 20,000 M/T WHICH WOULD PLACE AN UNACCEPTABLE STRAIN THE FACILITIES ON PHNOM PENH PORT.

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